

[18th December 1922]

A.—(1) (1) "The West Coast Reformer".

(2) "The Spectator".

(3) "Kerala Patrika".

(4) "Manorama".

(5) "The Malabar Journal".

(6) "Kerala Sanchari".

(2) In 1—4 since 1920, in 5 since 1921 and in 6 since 1922.

(3) All the papers are owned or controlled by Brahmans or high-caste Hindus.

(4) So far as the Government are aware, there are one or two other papers in Calicut, for instance, the "Mitavadi," which is owned by a Thiyya gentleman.

(5) Necessary particulars are given below:—

	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
1917-18 ..	835	4	6	1920-21 ..	996	1	1
1918-19 ..	1,187	13	6	1921-22 ..	952	14	8
1919-20 ..	3,632	10	11				

Soap expert and Oil chemist in the Kerala soap factory.

522 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) who was in charge of the Kerala soap factory during the absence of Mr. A. K. Menon, the Soap expert and Oil chemist, in 1921-22;

(2) what was his pay and what is Mr. Menon's pay;

(3) what was the total quantity of soap manufactured during Mr. Menon's absence in 1921-22;

(4) what was the total quantity manufactured during each of the same periods in 1917-18, 1918-19, 1919-20 and 1920-21; and

(5) whether the officer who was doing Mr. Menon's work during his absence is still working in the factory?

A.—(1) Mr. P. S. Srinivasa Ayyar, but from January 1st, 1922, the selling side was placed in charge of a Business Manager.

(2) Mr. A. K. Menon—Rs. 600 per mensem.

Mr. P. S. Srinivasa Ayyar—Rs. 150 plus 30 (temporary allowance) plus Rs. 50, charge allowance (up to 31st December 1921 only) per mensem.

Mr. P. V. Ramunni, Business Manager (from 1st January 1922)—Rs. 300 per mensem.

(3) Between 5th October 1921 and 4th September 1922, 252 tons of soap were manufactured.

(4) In the corresponding periods in—

	TONS.		TONS.
1917-18 ..	306	1919-20 ..	228
1918-19 ..	354	1920-21 ..	256

were manufactured. The amount manufactured varies of course with the demand for soaps.

(5) Both Mr. Srinivasa Ayyar and Mr. Ramunni are still working in the factory.